

AUGUST 13, 2013**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES****7:00 P.M.**

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel, with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro, a couple of citizens and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2013. Councilor Riggs asked that on page one of the minutes, in the 15th line from the bottom, that the minutes indicate that she asked if the County Airport administration had reviewed the drainage plan. Clerk Davidson stated she would include that information in the minutes.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2013, as amended.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison Library District Strategic Plan Update – Executive Director Nancy Trimm. Ms. Trimm introduced herself to Council and reviewed the statistics information she submitted for Council packets. The statistics compare the first six months of 2012 versus the first six months of 2013. She discussed the following items: library visits have increased by approximately 12,000 visits; more visits are in the summer; circulation or checkouts, increased by 3%; the kids programming in Gunnison is up; e-Books have been available since 2009; visitors can access the internet at the library; and Wi-Fi usage is up. A short discussion ensued on donation of e-books. Ms. Trimm then discussed the newly developed 2013-2015 Strategic Plan. Items she discussed included: the plan was developed with community feedback, an on-line survey, open houses and focus groups; reasons for using the library included to borrow books, read newspapers and magazines in a comfortable space, to read books and not have to purchase them, to study in a comfortable place, and to attend events; there is a library in Gunnison, Crested Butte and an annex in Somerset; and the reasons cited for not using the library included the internet has everything, people are too busy, the lack of comfortable space and the hours are not convenient. Ms. Trimm then discussed the five goals developed in the Strategic Plan. Those goals include: the Library District will provide children with programs and services necessary to become school-ready and lifelong readers; the Library will assist adults to improve foundational literacy skills; the Library will offer assistance and information about resources and services available in the community; the library will provide materials and engaging programs and classes; and the Library will attract a diverse range of residents and visitors into the library spaces. A short discussion ensued. Councilor Steinbeck commended them for being good at getting materials when they are not available in Gunnison. Mayor Drexel asked about future building plans and Ms. Trimm replied they were not included in the Strategic Plan. The City Manager asked if other spaces were being utilized for programming and Ms. Trimm replied that limited spaces are being utilized. Council thanked Ms. Trimm for her report.

Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association Update on Colorado Tourism Guide Project and Request for Letter of Support – Executive Director Pamela Loughman. Ms. Loughman informed Council the Tourism Association (TA) has applied for a \$25,000.00 Matching Grant from the Colorado Tourism Office. The Grant would be used for the insertion of a special 8-page, Gunnison/Crested Butte mini-vacation planner within the Official Colorado State Tourism Vacation Guide. 400,000 guides are mailed out each year. The project has already been approved by the publisher. This is a new and unique advertising opportunity. The project total cost is \$96,000. The Tourism Association is funding approximately 50% of the total \$96,000. The grant requires that matching project revenues be obtained from outside the TA's normal funding sources. The Gunnison Valley municipalities and local businesses will be offered the opportunity to become partners in the guide. The TA is asking the City for \$10,000 to help fund this project. She is also asking for a letter of support from the City for the Tourism Association's Colorado Tourism Office Matching Marketing Grant application. A copy of that letter was placed in Council's packets. Council discussion ensued. Council explained that City funding sources will need to be reviewed and City Manager Coleman will have that information for next week's meeting. Councilor Ferguson stated he thinks it's an innovative program and the new approach is golden. Councilor Hagan stated he is impressed by the negotiations that took place in granting the TA first right of refusal in future projects for the mini-guide. Ms. Loughman replied it is a robust opportunity and competition is always stiff. City Manager

Coleman suggested that the municipalities split the \$25,000 three ways. This will be pursued further.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Tourism Association's grant application for a Colorado Tourism Office Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried

Roll call vote, no: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on Letter of Support for Gunnison Arts Center Grant Application to El Pomar Foundation. This item was discussed at last week's Work Session meeting. The Letter of Support is for a \$5,300.00 grant for general operating funds. Gunnison Arts Council Board Member Hap Channell informed Council that the El Pomar Foundation has given the green light for applications that would be used for operating funds; however, there are no guarantees about receiving the grant. The El Pomar Foundation doesn't use a standard application form but does request letters of support for the application.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Gunnison Art Center's Grant Application to the El Pomar Foundation for operating funds.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013; Re: Major Change to Gunnison Rising PUD; 1st Reading. Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO AN EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, TO ADOPT THE GUNNISON RISING MASTER DRAINAGE STUDY AS APPENDIX F AND MAKE TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS TO APPENDIX A, WITHIN THE GUNNISON RISING PUD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 13th day of August, 2013.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Resolution No. 9, Series 2013; Re: Approving GOCO Grant Application for Parks Master Plan Development. Councilor Ferguson introduced Resolution No. 9, Series 2013, and it was read in its entirety by Councilor Ferguson.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion that Resolution No. 9, Series 2013, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**, be introduced, read, and passed this 13th day of August, 2013. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro asked Council that the Mayor also send a letter of support for the grant application. Councilors Ferguson and Riggs amended their motion to include approving the Resolution and to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the grant application.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Staff/Council Reports:

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo had nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: City representatives have been invited to the USA Pro Challenge race start in Aspen next Monday and he will be attending with Councilor Hagan and Joellen Fonken; the seniors have a fundraiser event on Wednesday, August 21st, to start fundraising for the seniors addition to the Community Center; the floor joists and decking are going up at the new Police facility and the walls will be going up soon; the alley by the new Police facility was paved today, Spencer, New York and a portion of South Adams Street into Jorgensen Park have been paved; street slurry seal is complete and paint striping is on-going; the 2014 budget development process is on-going; weeds along the trails will be cut when we receive the new tractor with attached side-mower; a port-a-pot has been placed on the VanTuyl Ranch trail near the picnic table on the north side of the ranch access road; the Family Dollar building is progressing; work is starting on the pole and wire by the Hospital that were damaged by the delivery truck; Jeremy Dole has been hired as the new equipment operator in Public Works; the “porkchop” on North Main Street has been removed and paved; and the Colorado Department of Wildlife, with assistance from Gunnison PD, captured a mountain lion that had wandered into the City by Legion Park.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Steve Westbay informed Council he is finalizing the presentation on the draft LDC for next week’s Council meeting and the file size is very large, so Council can access it on the City website or he can provide a hardcopy. Councilor Steinbeck requested a hardcopy to review and then she will return it. Director Westbay informed Council he is also finalizing the Gunnison Sage Grouse comments that will come before Council and are then due to the UFWFS by September 3rd.

Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro: Reminded Council the Carvin’ Up Colorado event starts on Thursday at 4pm at Legion Park with judging on Saturday at 4pm. The Car Show and the High Octane Arts & Crafts events will take place in the parks on Saturday.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson asked Council if they had any questions or concerns about her request to move funds from the 2013 Election Capital line item into the Clerks and Municipal Court travel and training line items. Training on the new FullCourt software wasn’t covered in the initial request. Both the City Manager and Finance Director have approved the transfer. Council did not have any issues with the transfer of funds.

WSCU Liaison: Absent until late August.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Riggs: reported the following: she attended ORE’s Sustain-a-ball and they raised a lot of money and it was a well done event; she attended the Tourism Association meeting and they discussed doing a lot more with cooperative advertising and there are new links on Expedia for on-line bookings; a TA subcommittee has been formed to look at sage grouse listing impacts on tourism; and she will be a judge at the chainsaw even on Saturday. She even got a book on that kind of carving so she will be a more informed judge. The City Manager asked Councilor Riggs to pursue more interaction between the local communities and the TA marketing and advertising. Councilor Riggs stated that local Chamber members have that access for marketing and the City is a Chamber member.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported he didn’t attend the Firemen’s Pension Board meeting but did discuss the issues with Finance Director Hanson. The actuarial study is done and the fund is sound. Councilor Ferguson suggested that initial open discussions might want to start between the Fire Protection District and the Gunnison Fire Department regarding future models and reorganization. It would be good to be ahead of the curve. A short discussion took place and City Manager Coleman will broach the subject first with Fire Marshal Spritzer.

Councilor Steinbeck: handed out a report regarding the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting she attended on August 7th. Some of the topics they discussed included deed restrictions for CB and Mt. CB, property and Section 8 Housing management and maintenance, Housing Guidelines public relations outreach, and possible land acquisition. Councilor Steinbeck reported she also attended the Curves Open House and met the new owners. Lastly, she commended the Electric Crew for getting the power back on quickly after the power outage.

Councilor Hagan: reported he attended the RTA meeting in Crested Butte with Councilor Riggs last week. They discussed incentivizing summer airline seats and issues with taking dollars away from winter airline seat obligations. He also attended the Trails Commission meeting and they are discussing various trails maintenance and issues concerning the increasing numbers of motorcycles and ATVs on the roads and trails in the Pitkin, Taylor Park and Tincup areas. Councilor Hagan then brought up the idea of a City sales tax moratorium this fall in an attempt to attract people from Salida, Montrose and other outside communities to shop here. A short discussion took place and this idea will be examined further by Staff and Council.

Mayor Drexel: reported he was on vacation in Minnesota last week and it is always interesting to look at amenities in other communities when traveling.

Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk